

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2-4 have been canceled. Claim 1 remains pending. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3 and indicated claim 4 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4. The rejection is moot.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are requested. Allowance of claim 1 at an early date is solicited.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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